

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Serial No.	<b>: 10/685,685</b>	Confirmation No.	<b>: 7079</b>
Filing Date	<b>: October 15, 2003</b>	Art Unit	<b>: 1615</b>
First Named Inventor	<b>: Anthony Costa</b>	Examiner	<b>: Eric E. Silverman</b>
Customer No.	<b>: 22469</b>	Docket No.	<b>: 0299568-0417</b>
Title:	<b>: TOPICAL GEL MATRIX</b>		

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2006. It is filed as a submission with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$395 RCE fee and any additional fee, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3405.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5.

Please amend the above-identified application without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter as follows: